

**Claims**

1. Method for laying a playable surface, in particular a playing field, comprising the steps of:  
forming a relatively hard substrate,  
arranging on the relatively hard substrate at least one layer of a resilient and/or damping material, and  
arranging a top layer on the at least one layer of resilient and/or damping material,  
**characterized in that** during or after arranging of the relatively hard substrate and/or the layer of resilient and/or damping material air chambers are formed therein.

2. Method as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the air chambers are formed in the relatively hard substrate and/or the layer of resilient and/or damping material by creating recesses therein from the top side after it is arranged.

3. Method as claimed in claim 2, **characterized in that** the recesses are created by moving a machine provided with protruding parts over the relatively hard substrate and/or the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

20 4. Method as claimed in claim 2, **characterized in that** the recesses are created by pressing a profiled mat into the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

25 5. Method as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the air chambers are formed in the layer of resilient and/or damping material by removing material therefrom at different locations after the arranging thereof.

30 6. Method as claimed in claim 5, **characterized in that** inclusions of a material with low melting point are arranged in the layer of resilient and/or damping material which are removed by heating after the layer has been arranged.

7. Method as claimed in claim 5, **characterized in that** inclusions of a biologically degradable material are arranged in the layer of resilient and/or damping material which are removed by natural processes after the layer has  
5 been arranged.

8. Method as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the air chambers are formed in the layer of resilient and/or damping material during arranging thereof by including granules having large dimensions relative to the thickness of  
10 the layer.

9. Method as claimed in claim 8, **characterized in that** the layer of resilient and/or damping material is arranged in two steps, by first arranging a relatively flat adhesive layer on the relatively hard substrate, and  
15 subsequently spreading the granules with large dimensions over the adhesive layer.

10. Method as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the air chambers are formed in the layer of resilient and/or damping material during arranging thereof by first laying a profiled mat on the relatively hard substrate, and  
20 by spreading the resilient and/or damping material over this mat.

11. Method as claimed in claim 4 or 10,  
**characterized in that** prior to arranging of the mat heating  
25 wires are received therein.

12. Method as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, **characterized in that** at least one other layer is also arranged between the layer with the air chambers and the top layer.

30 13. Method as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, **characterized in that** the top layer is a synthetic turf.

14. Method as claimed in any of the foregoing

claims, characterized in that at least some of the air chambers are connected to means for generating an air circulation therein.

15. Playable surface, in particular a playing field, comprising a relatively hard substrate, at least one layer arranged thereon of a resilient and/or damping material, and a top layer arranged in turn thereon, characterized by air chambers formed in the relatively hard substrate and/or the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

16. Surface as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the air chambers take the form of recesses in the upper part of the relatively hard substrate and/or the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

17. Surface as claimed in claim 16, characterized by a profiled mat arranged on the layer of resilient and/or damping material, wherein the air chambers are defined by the profile of the mat.

18. Surface as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the air chambers comprise spaces formed by removing inclusions in the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

19. Surface as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the air chambers comprise intermediate spaces between relatively large granules in the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

20. Surface as claimed in claim 15, characterized by a profiled mat which is arranged between the relatively hard substrate and the layer of resilient and/or damping material and over which the resilient and/or damping material is spread, wherein the air chambers are defined by the profile of the mat.

21. Surface as claimed in claim 17 or 20, characterized by heating wires received in the mat.

22. Surface as claimed in any of the claims 15-21,  
**characterized in that** the top layer is a synthetic turf.

23. Surface as claimed in claims 15-22,  
**characterized by** means connected to at least some of the air  
5 chambers for generating an air circulation therein.